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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

October 8, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chair Price called the meeting to order.

Present were: Reps. Price, Garcia, Hooker, Lyons, McBroom, Somerville, Yonker, Kelly, Chatfield, Tedder, Zemke, Santana, Brinks, Schor, Chang, Greig,

Absent and excused: Rep. Callton.

Rep. Garcia moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 1, 2015. The motion prevailed.

Chair Price stated that the Committee on Education would only take testimony on the bills on the agenda for the meeting today.

Chair Price laid before the committee the following 2 bill package.

SB 209 (Colbeck) Education; school districts; instruction in certain United States historical information; encourage, and require to be included on state testing.

SB 211 (Shirkey) Education; curriculum; instruction in certain American heritage documents; allow and prohibit censorship or restraint of.

Chair Price recognized Senator Colbeck and Senator Shirley to explain their bills and to answer questions.

The following person testified in support of SB 211.

Paul Stankewitz representing the Michigan Catholic Conference

Chair Price laid before the committee the following bill.

HB 4493 (Kesto) Education; curriculum; genocide education; provide for.

Chair Price recognized Rep. Kesto to explain HB 4493 and to answer questions.

The following people testified in support of HB 4493.

Judith Kovach representing Genocide & Holocaust Education Now
Edward Harontunian representing Armenian Genocide Education Committee
Lara Nercessian representing Armenian Genocide Education Committee
Corey Harbaugh representing Fennville Public Schools & United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Frank Dame representing the Michigan State University Law Talsky Center
Chantelle Dial representing the Michigan State Law Talsky Center

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of HB 4493 but did not want to testify.

Richard Lobenthal representing himself
David Foltyn representing Honigman, Miller, Schwartz & Cohn
Lori Talsky representing herself
Sharon Lipton representing National Council of Jewish Women
David Handleman representing Handleman Company
Cheryl Guyer representing Holocaust Memorial Center
Gary Karp representing Sherwood Foods
Mickey, Asa & Sara Shapiro representing Shapiro Real Estate Group
Cathy Cantor representing National Council of Jewish Women

Rep. Garcia moved to excuse the member that was absent. The motion prevailed.

With no further business to come before the committee, Chair Price adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:30 a.m.

Representative Amanda Price, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk